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SUBJ: CITRUS/FUNGUICIDES: U. S. SANITATION INSPECTION PROCEDURES
ON IMPORTED FOOD ITEMS

FROM LLOYD

DEPT. PASS AGRICULTURE FOR MINYARD, FITZSIMMONDS, STOBEL
AND MANNION

1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH MHW RE SUBJ FUNGICIDE PROBLEM,
MHW REQUESTED INFO ON U.S. FOOD SANITATION AND FOOD ADDITIVE
INSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTED FOOD ITEMS, BOTH FRESH
AND PROCESSED. THEY WISH TO KNOW WHICH AGENCY OR AGENCIES
HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTION AT U.S. PORTS OF ENTRY,
E.G., FDA, EPA OR USDA; WHICH IMPORTED FOOD ITEMS ARE
SAMPLED ROUTINELY AND ANALYZED FOR WHICH CONTAMINANTS AND/OR
ADDITIVES, ETC.

2. PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THIS INFO WILL BE TO COMPARE U.S.
SYSTEM WITH JAPANESE SYSTEM AND HOPEFULLY SHOW THAT JAPANESE
SYSTEM IS MORE STRICT. MHW OFFICIALS THEN PLAN TO USE THIS
COMPARISON WHEN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES
TO CONVINCE OPPONENTS IN DIET AND ELSEWHERE THAT
JAPANESE INSPECTION SYSTEM IS AS STRICT AS ANY IN WORLD AND
THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED TO STRENGTHEN IT AND/OR MAKE IT
MORE STRICT.

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3. INFO DESIRED NOT ON FRESH CITRUS ONLY BUT ON ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF FOODS BEING IMPORTED BY U.S., INCLUDING CANNED, BOTTLED AND PACKAGED ITEMS.

4. AGATT OFFICE REALIZES THIS MAY BE FORMIDABLE TASK BUT WILL APPRECIATE AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY REPORT WITHIN NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS IF POSSIBLE.
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